

I am writing to express my outrage over Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent decision to use MY public airwaves to air what is an obvious propaganda piece against a presidential candidate -- namely John Kerry. This is an example of how consolidation of our media into the hands of a few conglomerates is a very frightening, dangerous threat to democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.